

September 11, 2008

McCREARY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

LOCAL/STATE BOARD FACILITIES HEARING REPORT

A Local/State public hearing was held at the McCreary County Board of Education's Central Office Building on September 11, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. (local time). The purpose of the public hearing was to propose a new District Facility Plan developed by the McCreary County Local Planning Committee. The Local Planning Committee (LPC) 10-0 in favor of the proposed new plan and the Board voted 4-0 to approve the new plan. (One Board Member was absent.)

There were ten individuals in attendance. Two individuals were present from the local media. Sheila Vanover, Administrative Secretary, served as the district-appointed hearing officer. Arthur D. Wright, Superintendent, was present.

COMMENTS

Mr. Anderson called the public hearing to order. The hearing officer outlined the purpose of the hearing and the hearing procedures in accordance with 702 KAR 4:180. It was explained that those persons wishing to speak would be given the opportunity and that written statements would be accepted. It was also noted that all considerations will be made available to the Kentucky Board of Education via the hearing officer's report. Assistant Superintendent, Aaron Anderson, read the proposed new District Facility Plan, which includes: **a change in district organization from P, K-3, K-6, 4-6, 7-8, 9-12 to P-K-3, P-K-5, P-K-6, 4-6, 7-8, 9-12. McCreary Preschool will become a Transitional PS Center, Pine Knot 4-6 Intermediate to become a Permanent K-3 Center, Pine Knot K-3 Primary Center 647/675 is to become a Permanent P-3 Center and Whitley City Elementary K-6 Center is to become a Permanent P-6 Center. The plan proposed major renovations and additions to: McCreary Middle School, Pine Knot Intermediate, Pine Knot Primary, Whitley City Elementary School and McCreary Central High School. Also included was the construction of a new bus garage and major renovation of the Central Office. Discretionary Construction Projects included athletic facility work and additions at the McCreary Central High School, additions to Pine Knot Intermediate and purchase of additional property for future educational and management support needs.**

The floor was opened to those who wished to make a statement, but no one present wanted to speak, and no written statements were received.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the new District Facility Plan developed by the McCreary County Local Planning Committee and adopted by the McCreary County Board of Education be approved as the District Facility Plan for the McCreary County School District. A copy of the new plan is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by;

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Timothy K. Lucas, KDE Fac. Mgmt.

cc: Mark W. Ryles, Director

Att: McCreary Co. School District Facility Plan